Special thanks to my English teacher Nan Lichtenberg! The most impressive and unforgettable English teacher in my life was her. She was the person who thought me how to start speaking English. I can say that English now is my secondary and beloved language because of her effort. Back in the days, an opportunity to study English over the phone had been given to me and I’ve luckily met her in 2008. At that time I was completely a beginner in English but full of passionate in learning English.

The phone English class had been scheduled every three days a week for 20min per class. I have been afraid since I’ve felt that the class had high level of density as it was one-on-one class. As non-stop conversation with sharing ideas and cultures made me feel pressure as a beginner, however on the other hand I’ve became more self-directed and responsible learner. Usually, I don’t like silence while having conversation with people so that the density level was ideal improve my English skill in a short time. The teacher has fostered my internal motivation to learn by asking questions based on my interest such as variation of food, travelling etc. She always has shown interest in my thoughts and opinions and carefully listens to any questions asked.

I am sure that she has known how to facilitate my movement toward more self-directed and responsible learning by putting efforts to know about me. Importantly I have been able to play a leading role without any frustration during the class. Although I’ve spoken broken English but she has not point me out about my errors immediately. Other than that, she has let me figured out a way to fix them by myself. She has provided corrections all my errors during our conversation after the class at the online study platform. She has provided regular constructive, specific feedback instead. She has never acted like she is a pro over me but then emphasized more equality between two of us. It has made me feel at ease to express my thoughts and ideas without any hesitation.

I am the person who prefers self-imposed study therefore the way of her teaching was suitable for me. The way of providing feedback by her was quite practical and effective to learn fast. Because even the errors I have overlooked were corrected accurately then proper ones have been provided. She also has given me writing assignments regularly. Consequentially it was a tremendous help for me. The way of learning was able to be applied to my work contexts specially in writing business email. The most efficient part of learning with her was that the saved writing feedback. I frequently have been consulted by them in case of necessity. Overall, I certainly can say that she was as good a teacher as can be.

On the other hands, some bad points have been caused due to the form of the phone English class. The classes done only over the phone have brought some demerits as I am a quite kinesthetic learner. Because I mostly remember best what has been done, not what I have seen or talked about prefer direct involvement in what I am learning. Singing English song would be a good example of ideal method for kinesthetic learner like me. There were also restrictions in talking with hands or gestures as well as sharing emotion and feeling with her. That could be one of inefficient cause if there was any lack of learning.

Nevertheless, it was clear that she was the right teacher for me to leap forward in studying English.